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Guyandotte
The Guyandotte Ind.

April 20, 1871 (See cards for
previous items)

Editorial "Guyandotte"

New settlers (several) and a
number of visitors for that purpose.

All mechanics busy building
plain frame houses. Demand exceeds
supply. Town lots increasing in value.

Rental property good invest-
ment for rents & also increase.

Wide bottoms gradually
increasing in height. All above tide

C. & O. to be completed this
season & Guyandotte first town
in the valley. Town growing
with almost magic.

High School (Ed)

Chap. 98, ^{Sec. 20,} Free School Law of
1867, makes it mandatory ~~on~~ ^{on}
the B. & E. when they deem
it expedient, to submit to the
voters of said Township the ques-
tion "For the High School or Against
the High School."

High
School

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"We think the time is now at hand in Guyandotte. Our school house is an old ratty, miserably arranged, ante bellum pile of brick and mortar. The rooms are small, the partition walls very thick, and so arranged that you have access to one room, only by passing through all the others. The fences are smoky, the roof rotten, and the whole two-story building, only barely high and large enough for one good respectable school room. Last winter every nook and corner were filled with little wretches hovered in the soot and grease, with a kind and affectionate motherly teacher, trying to learn them how to keep clean.

The house was full, packed and ~~just~~ crammed with children, and not half of our children there at that. Next winter there will be

500 children here of proper age to go to school. This number will fill three such buildings as we have. The colored children here will be sufficient in numbers to demand a school under the existing laws. - - - - Hundreds of families are flocking in, and our population rapidly increasing". Board urged to erect new buildings at once.

"We only purpose giving a modest hint, at this time, of what we think our Board of Education should do, for they are our neighbors and friends, and we would not speak more than half the truth at first. We would not say even as much as we have, were it not that they are all staunch Republicans, who claim to be the special guardians of Free Education"

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Guy. Ind.

The Flick Amendment (April 20, 1871
Legislature of Feb. 1871, by
resolution, adopted the Flick Amend-
ment to the Constitution.

It will be submitted to the
people on the Fourth Thursday
of this mo (April, 1871.)

Also the Legislature provided
for submission to the people
next August (1871) a proposition
of calling a Convention to revise
the constitution.

One group of people believe

- 1- The Flick Amendment should
be approved
- 2- The Convention idea
should be voted down.

Another group believes

1. The Amendment should
be rejected because it
does not cure all ills.
2. The Convention idea
should be approved.

The Editor favors both

The amendment would enfranchise all males with exceptions noted. It will cost nothing (as election will be held any way) and will give at least temporary relief.

From Barboursville

The pugilistic predominance of the place is at par; two men fights and six dogs - one man being skinned fore and aft with a weight.

Horse racing is the principal amusement, and McCombs Track is the place where piles of money is won and lost at semi-occasional periods. "Turk" owned by Charley Moore, at present wears the horns.

Court is approaching with a very heavy docket; the case of Stratton will be tried, and will form the main feature of the criminal docket, and will draw a big crowd, as it

B'ville

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has been some time since any one
has been arraigned in this county
for his life. Able counsel are
marshalled on both sides, and
his friends seem sanguine of success

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Greetings of the Press (April 20, 1871)
Various Editors wrote the
Editor on his new venture.

From these we learn:

The Editor came here from
Pulnam Co., ^{was} former Editor of
the Buffalo Independent.

A Communion (Advocating
a Bank.)

Nearest banks Pr. Pleasant
Charleston. Much local
capital locked up.

Money available from Congress
for national banks, ^{in this State} but we
must hurry. Advocates a
meeting of citizens & that books
be opened at Guyardotte

Notes on Local matters

A surprise party at Mr
Weed's Tonight.

"Harrison, the great decliner,
and wide-awake advertiser,
will be here next week, with his
low prices and inexhaustible

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pieces of goods at auction

Wm. A. Fuller is building a large cabinet furniture shop in Proctorsville where he is prepared to manufacture any kind of Furniture at very low rates.

Drowned - A deck hand fell off the Annie Lawrie at our landing Saturday night and was drowned. The body was not recovered. He lived at Charleston.

Personal - Capt. Boggess, late State Auditor, has chosen the one thing needful and settled in Guyandotte. He is an energetic business man, etc.

Weil & Siegles, Guyandotte St.
Clothing, Hats, etc.

The Russell tract - 32 a. - in corporation, will be surveyed in lots, on 24th inst., & will be advertised & sold at once.

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Hon. J. S. Walcher, Revenue collector
for this dist. is now in his new
office, and doing a big business
Assisted by Sam Hayslip, an
expert accountant and is always
at his post minding his own business
as all good citizens should.

Police reports.

E. A. Smith, Mayor. Lieut Wilson
brought in Henry Leckey accused
of rough handling Wm. Swrath.
Fined 2⁰⁰ + costs for benefit of our
streets.

W. H. Taylor caused an
orderly Sergeant to scale the walls
of the new Post office. Fine \$2⁰⁰